



STYLE SETTER—Amy Bradford, 1605 Vermont, looks lovely in this fluffy formal gown. But the extra look of satisfaction on the face of the talented teen-ager may stem from the fact that she made the dress herself.

Gammage Heads Grady P.-T. A.

Earl Gammage, 7 Briar Oaks, was elected president of the Grady Parent-Teacher Association recently. He succeeds Mrs. R. W. Wilkens, Jr., 14 N. Wyndham. Mrs. Mark Garnett, 5551 Cedar Creek, is vice-

president.

Other officers are Mrs. J. N. Stone, 5627 Wickersham, recording secretary; Mrs. Fred G. Smith, 4811 Brae Burn, corresponding secretary; Mr. E. R. Keeton, 5633 Bordley, treasurer; Mrs. J. A. Edinborough, 5338 Fairdale, historian, and Mr. Ervin James 5311 Wil- lers Way.

STRAIGHT 'A' ATHLETE

Talented Teen-Ager Cooks, Sews, Paints

Amy Bradford is a typically talented teen-ager. She can cook. She can sew. She can paint. She can play softball. She gets straight A's. And she's pretty!

The daughter of Mrs. Margaret Bradford, 1605 Vermont, Amy is the eldest of three girls, each of whom is gifted in a particular way. Margaret, a student at Woodrow Wilson Elementary, is a dancer. Anne, the youngest, is interested in drama and speech.

Makes Own Clothes

Amy herself, has been making most of her clothes for several years. She began in junior high, and has expanded her sewing until she either designs her own wardrobe or adapts the various patterns to her needs. She likes making evening clothes, street dresses and skirts the most.

Her mother says she can cook a fair meal, but needs just a little more practice. Last summer, she painted her own room, the family living room and dining room, and then went on to do the entire upstairs apartment of a duplex her mother owns.

Athlete, Leader

This year she is a sophomore at Lamar High School, where she is president of her home room and representative from it to the Student

Council. Interested in softball, she was second baseman last summer on a team in the City Park and Recreation League which came out second in local play. She hopes to play again this year.

Like most of her teen-age friends, Amy is a regular church-goer, attending Bering Memorial Methodist Church, where last week she led the devotional.

OAK ESTATES LIGHTS O. K.'d

The city has approved 32 new street lights for Oak Estates Addition, between San Felipe and Westheimer near the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks.

W. A. Smith, 4005 Ella Lee, and S. N. Adams, 4001 Westheimer, have deposited \$4800 with the city to help pay costs of operating the lights during the next five years.

City Public Service Director J. B. White recommended installation of the lights and city council approved.

12 to Get Degrees

Twelve southwest area residents are scheduled to receive bachelor of business administration degrees at the University of Texas May 29.

Among them are Beverly Bintliff, 16 Briar Hollow; John R. Brodnax, Jr., 4915 Louisiana; James D. Carlton, 3453 Meadow Lake; Elliott Z. Cohen, 1704 Harold; Earl E. Cortes, 2221 Pelham, and John D. Doehring, 2640 Pemberton.

Others are Jack B. Durkee, Jr., 2116 Quenby; Robert E. Milstead, 2415 Locke Lane; Charles W. Reynolds, 6603 Wesleyan; Arthur B. Riviere, 3919 West Alabama; William A. Smith, 315 Peden, and Charles L. Streusand, 907 South Rice.

Mrs. Simmons Takes Office

Mrs. D. E. Simmons, 5122 Linden, took office as president of the Gala Gardeners at a luncheon Tuesday in the Hacienda Restaurant, Post Oak Road.

Other new officers are Mrs. J. W. St. John, 4624 Beech, vice-president; Mrs. T. K. Ashley, 4902 Palmetto, corresponding secretary; Mrs. R. H. Gallier, 4530 Bellaire, recording secretary, and Mrs. R. E. Camper, 4912 Beech, treasurer.

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SECTION E



ROYAL PORTRAIT

These ninth graders reigned over the "Festival of Flowers" at Pershing Junior High School, 7000 Braes Boulevard, last Thursday and Friday. The queen

is Judy Whitehurst, 4624 Evergreen. King is Skippy Wiegant, 2818 Nottingham. (Chronicle Photo by Dale Bodiker.)

Election Year Brings Flurry Of Civic Jobs

Street, Drainage, Park And Sewer Projects Are Underway

BY OLAN BREWER

As could be expected in the spring of an election year, a flurry of civic improvements has been launched in the southwest section of Houston. Street improvements, drainage facilities, park and sewer needs — all are being attended to.

Street improvements are perhaps most evident and numerous.

Main Street, Richmond Road, Westheimer, Bellaire Boulevard, Stella Link Road and other major thoroughfares are being repaired or rebuilt, along with dozens of less important streets.

Main to Be Reworked

Main is to be resurfaced for several blocks south of its intersection with Montrose; the county has advertised for bids to construct Richmond from the city of Bellaire to Brays Bayou, and County Commissioner Kyle Chapman said plans are being drawn for improving the section between Wake Forest and Academy; Westheimer is being made into a four-lane thoroughfare west of Post Oak; Bellaire Boulevard is littered with men and machines, engaged in widening it to six lanes, and Stella Link is being readied for a complete new surface, between Bellaire Boulevard and Main Street.

Other major improvements under way or projected in the immediate future include:

A contract is scheduled to be let Thursday for construction of a new six-lane bridge over Main Street at Brays Bayou, replacing the "bottleneck" bridge. Schmid & Faust is apparent low bidder for the contract, with a bid of \$164,398.

County Commissioner E. A. Lyons has announced that he plans to build 42 new concrete

bridges in his district this summer, replacing old wooden bridges. Many of these will be in the Memorial Drive area, where the county also plans to rebuild five more roads, Adkins, Hillside, Merlin and Gage Court.

Harris County Flood Control is financing a program to line with concrete and extend Poor Farm Ditch, chief drainage artery for the Bellaire-West University-South Side area. Work on this is already under way near Buffalo Bayou. Flood Control is also realigning various sections of Brays Bayou.

A new elementary school, Westwood, at the intersection of Lemac and Stella Link, is under construction.

Bellaire's sewer disposal plant is to be expanded.

New sidewalks and playground equipment have been installed at various southwest parks.

The city also announced plans for work to begin soon on construction of a big storm sewer line on Wesleyan, between Westheimer and Richmond, expected to cost \$475,000.

ON THE SPOT

Songs Soften 'Shots'

West University Elementary School students sang to keep their courage up during the polio test shots Tuesday.

Mrs. R. C. Roebuck, 2803 Sunset, second grade teacher at the school, 3756 University, composed some new and appropriate words—sung to the tune of "As the Caissons Go Rolling Along"—for her young charges.

Here are the words:
"Here's the spot, put the shot,
It will seem a little hot.
Stop the polio from marching along."
"Here's a girl, here's a boy,
We will all shout for joy
When the polio stops marching along."
"Then it's hip, hip hooray
In the clinic today;
Call out our numbers
loud and gay.
For where'er we go
We shall always know
That we've licked this
old polio for aye."

LAMAR GRADS' PHOTO INSIDE

Lamar High School's 1954 graduating class—584 strong—has stood for a portrait, which appears in this week's southwest neighborhood section.

According to J. Herbert Wright, 3834 Inwood, principal, it's the largest graduating class in the history of the school, located at 3325 Westheimer. The picture is stretched all the way across the top of pages 8 and 9.

Water District 41 Vote Is Scheduled Saturday

BY SAM KEEPER

Residents of two Memorial Drive additions will decide if they want to incorporate their neighborhood as a water control and improvement district Saturday.

An election will be held from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the home of J. J. Lattanza, 305 Lindenwood, presiding judge.

Two proposals will be included on the ballot. Voters

will be asked first to confirm creation of District 41, which has already been approved by the State Board of Water Engineers and by County Judge Bob Casey.

They will also be asked to elect a board of directors. Names of temporary directors approved by the state board will appear on the ballot.

They are N. Hall McCord, 329 Shasta; Ben H. Ward, 301 Lindenwood; A. L. Dial, 523

Three Corners; Kenneth Burroughs, 520 Three Corners; and E. E. Hunter, Jr., 602 Lindenwood.

The two additions affected are Memorial Drive Manor and Three Corners, extending between Memorial Drive and Buffalo Bayou just west of the Houston city limits.

Purpose of the district is to provide water and sanitary sewage facilities for the approximately 75 families.

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BY RUBEN

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